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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

IN 2ND MAJOR INCIDENT ALONG FRONTIER IN 2 WKS, CAMBODIAN
TROOPS TUES ATTACKED 2 THAI BORDER VILLAGES, KILLED
RESIDENTS/BURNED BUILDINGS, ACCORDING RTG AUTHORITIES (WP).
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RTG PLACES DEATH TOLL AT 26; ADDS CAMBODIANS SUFFERED HEAVY
CASUALTIES (REUTER BANGKOK).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

GROUP 33 VIET REFUGEES RESCUED AT SEA BY LIBERIAN-REGISTERED
TANKER 2 WKS AGO WILL BE ALLOWED LAND IN SK (REUTER SEOUL).

3. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS TOLD SEMINAR MONDAY THAT GOP MADE DRAMATIC EFFORTS AT PENAL REFORM/INNOVATION IN EFFORTS IMPROVE PEOPLE'S DIGNITY (REUTER MANILA). MARCOS GIVES IN TO STUDENT DEMANDS FOR ROLLBACK UNIV TUITION INCREASES. MOVE SEEMS TO HAVE DISARMED STUDENT MOVEMENT; SEEN AS SHOW POL SKILL RATHER THAN RETREAT (AP MANILA).

4. INDONESIA

SUHARTO INAUGURATES 1ST SHIPMENT LNG FROM BORNEO TO JAPAN; GOI REVENUE EXPECTED INCREASE BY 1 MILLION DOLS PER DAY W/LNG EXPORT TO JAPAN/US (CSM).

5. ASEAN

TENTH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT TO BE HELD KL THURS/FRI; WILL INCLUDE SAT VISIT BY PMS JAPAN/AUSTRALIA/NZ (REUTER KL).

6. JAPAN

FUKUDA CONSIDERED LIKELY DECIDE W/IN FEW DAYS IMMEDIATELY TO LAUNCH 5.7-BIL-DOL EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO STIMULATE JAPANESE ECONOMY. PM MET W/5 TOP-RANKING LDP MEMBERS UNCLASSIFIED

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MONDAY/AGREED W/THEM THAT MOVE CANNOT WAIT UNTIL AFTER HE RETURNS FROM 13-DAY SEA GOODWILL TOUR (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORP TO BEGIN WORK THIS YR ON JAPANESE EARTH STATION TO PROVIDE ADDED COMMERCIAL ACCESS TO ITS MARISAT SATELLITE, WHICH SERVES INDIAN OCEAN AREA. JAPANESE STATION PLANNED FOR YAMAGUCHI/WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT SUMMER (WP, NYT; REUTER 8/1).

JAPANESE MILLS PREDICT JULY-SEPT CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION WILL DECLINE FROM 2ND QTR/WILL FAIL MEET GOJ FORECASTS IN VIEW OF RECORDS STOCKPILES AT END JUNE (WSJ).

DALLOS/SOBE (LAT 8/1) DO 2 ITEMS REHASHING US-JAPAN TRADE DEBATE RE TVS/STEEL. FIND TRADE EXPERTS/CONSUMERS FAVOR JAPANESE TVS AS MORE RELIABLE/OF BETTER QUALITY THAN US BRANDS. IN STEEL, FACTS SHOW US UNABLE MEET DEMAND. IN WEST, CONSUMPTION HAS INCREASED 35 PCT IN LAST 10 YRS, WHILE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION CAPACITY HAS RISEN LESS THAN 5 PCT. US MFRS SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HIGH COST OF EXPANSION/SHIPMENT FROM MID-WEST PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE IN FACING CHEAPER JAPANESE IMPORTS.

ASAHI SHIMBUN'S HARA (SUN) WRITES ON JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN US. NOTES TOTAL INVESTMENT LAST YR AROUND 4 BIL DOLS/FIGURE CONTINUES CLIMB. MANY JAPAN-BASED FIRMS NOW

OPENING FACTORIES IN US TO AVOID TRADE BARRIERS/SHIPPING COSTS/ETC. SOME SUCH FIRMS CONCERNED IF FACTORIES CAN FUNCTION AS EFFECTIVELY IN US AS IN JAPAN, WHERE THEY CAN RELY ON DEDICATED LABOR FORCE/FEW STRIKES/GOVT SUPPORT.

IN 8/2 PRESS CONF, DEF MIN INDICATED JAPAN HAS DECIDED ON LOCKHEED TO SUPPLY COUNTRY'S NEXT GENERATION ANTI-SUB AIRCRAFT (REUTER TOKYO).

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JAPANESE PATROL CRAFT SIGHTED SOVIET MISSILE CORVETTE CRUISING TOWARD VLADIVOSTOCK 8/2. DEF AGENCY SAID IT WAS 1ST DEPLOYMENT OF SUCH VESSEL TO SOV PAC FLEET (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPANESE SOCIOLOGY PROF SAYS SUICIDES ON RISE IN JAPAN, TREND WHICH SOME ATTRIBUTE TO BREAKUP TRADITIONAL FAMILY UNITS/PRESSURES URBAN LIFE. SUICIDES IN 1976 INCREASED NEARLY 1/3 OVER PREVIOUS YR (MORITA, REUTER TOKYO).

7. KOREA

NK ESTABLISHES "MILITARY SEA BOUNDARY" COVERING MUCH OF NEW 200-MI ECON ZONE/AIR ABOVE IT. SAYS FOREIGN SHIPS/ PLANES BANNED W/O PERMISSION. SK/JAPAN REFUSE RECOGNIZE BOUNDARY (WSJ; WP; AP GLOBE, NYDN, NYT). UNC SAYS CANNOT ACCEPT NK OFFSHORE MIL BORDER (REUTER, SEOUL).

LAT'S JACKSON (GLOBE, EXCERPTED IN WP) REPORTS SK FONMIN LAST FALL ACKNOWLEDGED TO AMB SNEIDER KCIA EXCESSES IN US/ DISCLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTS. STATES INFO FROM SECRET DOS CABLE RELEASED TO LAT UNDER FOIA.

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE SPEC COUNSEL JAWORSKI ASKS DOJ FOR PREVIOUSLY UNDISCLOSED LIST CONGRESSMEN WHO RECD KOREAN DONATIONS. DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY GIVEN DOJ BY JAY SHIN RYU, CLOSE BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF TONGSUN PARK (HALLORAN, NYT; BABCOCK/CHESIRE, WP).

SK EXPORTS LAST MO HIT ALL-TIME HI 906 MILLION DOLS, UP 21 PCT FROM LAST JULY; EXPORTS 1ST 7 MOS AT 5.5 BILLION DOLS, 32 PCT INCREASE FROM SAME PERIOD LAST YR (REUTER SEOUL).

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8. CHINA

NCNA ACCUSES USSR OF ATTEMPTING INCREASE ASIAN POSITION AGAINST US BY COURTING ECON COOPERATION W/JAPAN (REUTER

HK). ' - -

EVENING RECEPTION 7/31 ENDED 2 DAYS CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLA. SPEECHMAKING LEFT TO YEH CHIEN-YING, WHO SAID USSR "BENT ON SUBJUGATING CHINA"; BUT TENG SILENT STAR (WP). HUAN KE-CHENG, FORMER PLA CHIEF OF STAFF ALSO THERE. MARKS END HIS 10 YEARS POL DISGRACE (REUTER). SUN CARRIES AP PIX OF GATHERING IN GREAT HALL. CAPTION QUOTES YEH SAYING MORE COUNTRIES FED UP W/USSR, HAVING "SEEN THROUGH FRAUDS OF DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE." WALDHEIM LEAVING 8/3 FOR WEEK STAY PEKING (CSM).

TWO TYPHOONS IN TAIWAN KILLED 50-PLUS; CRIPPLED PORTS KEELUNG/KAOSIUNG (WSTAR, UPI, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. KOREA

ASIAN EXPERTS KAPLEN OF U OF CHI/ZAGORIA OF CUNY TELL HASC SUBCMTE US TROOP PULLOUT SHOULD BE LINKED TO IMPROVED RELS W/NK (REUTER). SUBCMTE CHRMN STRATTON (D-NY) SAYS MAY URGE CONGRESS RECOMMEND CURB ON PRES' PULLOUT PLAN (AP/REUTER 8/1).

CDN'S THORPE (SEOUL 7/28) SEES US-SK COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED AFTER SECDEF'S SEOUL VISIT, AS EVIDENCE THAT BOTH SIDES MAKING EVERY EFFORT ENSURE NK DOESN'T MISUNDERSTAND US W/DRAWAL. BELIEVES SEVERAL ASPECTS W/DRAWAL PLAN SHOULD SERVE AS WARNINGS TO PREVENT NKOREAN "MISCALCULATION."

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LAT'S JAMESON (SEOUL 7/31) LIKENS W/DRAWAL PLAN TO NIXON'S "VIETNAMIZATION," WHEREBY LOCAL TROOPS TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITIES PREVIOUSLY BORNE BY AMERICANS. SAYS "KOREANIZATION" ALSO RECOGNIZES LIMITS TO CONTINUING POL SUPPORT AT HOME FOR US MIL ROLE ON GROUND ON ASIAN CONTINENT. JAMESON ALSO POINTS OUT DIFFERENCES, INCL FACT SK WILL MFR OWN WEAPONS/WILL BECOME SELF-SUSTAINING COMPLEX W/O RELYING ON CONGRESS FOR YR-TO-YR FINANCING. STILL, FINDS CARTER'S PROGRAM NO MORE THAN "INTERIM STEP" IN STRUGGLE TO FIND SOLUTION FOR "KOREA DILEMMA."

AT PANMUNJOM, WEINRAUB (NYT) TALKS TO SOME US SOLDIERS. MOST FIND DUTY THERE "NOT BAD," THO NONE PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED ABOUT LEAVING. US OFFICERS/ENLISTED MEN SAY DISCIPLINE/PHYSICAL ENDURANCE SKOREAN TROOPS BEYOND QUESTION, THO SOME CONCERNED OVER INFELXIBILITY/LACK OF INITIATIVE AT LOWER LEVELS.

NYT FINDS W/DRAWAL ARRANGEMENTS ACCEPTABLE/ABLE GIVE

NK "CONSIDERABLE INCENTIVE FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR," SINCE PRES MAY, AT ANY TIME, SLOW/REVERSE W/DRAWAL TIMETABLE. ADDS AMID CHARGES SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING, CONGRESS MAY BE RELUCTANT AID SEOUL, BUT STATES, "SUCH FASTIDIOUSNESS WOULD BE MISPLACED."

11. KOREA/JAPAN

ATLANTA JOURNAL (8/1) TERMS US DECISION RETAIN TWO-THIRDS 2ND INFANTRY IN SEOUL UNTIL 1982 "REASSURING" FOR BOTH SK/JAPAN. WHILE JAPAN CAN BE SECURE FOR 5 YRS IN KNOWLEDGE OF US "TRIPWIRE," SK HAS 5 YRS IN WHICH GROW STRONGER AGAINST ANY OVERT MOVES FROM NK. UNCLASSIFIED

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BELIEVES DECISION "COMPROMISE SOLUTION" WHICH SHOULD BE "PALATABLE" TO ALL CONCERNED AFTER VIEWING ALTERNATIVES.

FULLER (CHITRIB PANMUNJOM, 7/31) NOTES CONCERN/ANTICIPATION ON PART JAPAN/PRC/ASEAN RE US W/DRAWAL. CITES JAPAN DEF AGENCY'S DIRECTOR GENRL THAT GOJ SEES W/DRAWAL AS EVIDENCE JAPAN SHOULDN'T RELY ON US MIL PROTECTION AS HEAVILY AS IT DOES NOW. REMARKS EVEN THO JAPAN'S FEAR OF WAR HAS ABATED SOMEWHAT, GOJ STILL VERY MUCH CONCERNED OVER GROWING SOVIET NAVAL STRENGTH IN W PAC.

12. INDOCHINA

PHILLIPS (BALTO NA 8/1) NOTES "FASHIONABLE MEDIA" REACT W/PREDICTABLE NON-CRITICISM TO ADMIN'S DECISION NOT BLOCK SRV ADMISSION TO UN. BELIEVES DUE TO FACT VN IS GREAT EMBARRASSMENT TO NATL NEWS MEDIA. CITES BOOK "BIG STORY" BY BRAESTRUP, FORMERLY OF NYT/WP, THAT REVIEWS TET '68 COVERAGE. QUOTES BRAESTRUP THAT MEDIA DRASTICALLY MISINFORMED US PUBLIC, SAID TET WAS DISASTER FOR US/SVN WHEN ACTUALLY WAS MAJOR SETBACK FOR HANOI. PHILLIPS CONSIDERS SMALL WONDER THAT MANY WHO UNDERCUT US ATTEMPT SAVE SVN UNWILLING INFORM US RE TRUE NATURE COMMUNIST REGIME. MENTIONS ACCURACY IN MEDIA REPT DOCUMENTING LACK MEDIA COVERAGE TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE RE HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS IN SRV. FINDS IRONIC THAT NATL MEDIA FIND SO MUCH TIME MORALIZE ABOUT KOREAN SCANDAL "WHEN THEIR OWN INDOCHINESE SCANDAL IS EVEN SHABBIER."

LINDSEY (NYT) NOTES HOLLYWOOD FINALLY TACKLES VN WAR, W/AT LEAST 6 FLIX BEING PREPARED CONCERNING IT, ITS VICTIMS/VETS.

13. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

SUN CARRIES SANDERS CARTOON SHOWING WH/CONGRESS TRYING UNCLASSIFIED

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IGNORE REFUGEES; CONGRESS SAYS "SORRY; OUR THING IS SAVING PEOPLE FROM COMMUNISM - NOT SQUALOR AND HOMELESSNESS."

14. THAILAND

LORENZ (JOC) SAYS THAILAND'S FUTURE ATTRACTIVENESS TO MAJOR US INVESTORS SEEMS REST ON OUTCOMES 2 MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, BOTH IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. DESCRIBES PROBLEMS 90 MILLION DOL ZINC PLANT, HELD UP AT LAST MINUTE WHEN DEPT MINERAL RESOURCES DISSATISFIED W/FINAL TERMS. OTHER DEAL INVOLVES SIAM KRAFT PAPER CO; RECENT 3.3 MILLION DOL FINE ORDERED FOR EVASION IMPORT DUTIES. MOVE COULD END FIRM THAT PRODUCES ALMOST HALF ALL INDUSTRIAL PAPER PRODUCTS IN COUNTRY.

LO BELLO (LAT 7/31) DESCRIBES SITUATION/LIFESTYLE MEO TRIBESMEN OF N THAILAND. CALLS THEM COLORFUL RELIC FROM PAST; QUOTES ANTHROPOLOGISTS THAT WILL PROBABLY VANISH BEFORE MID-21ST CENTURY.

15. INDONESIA

ORVIS (CDN 7/30-31) DESCRIBES SCHOOL FOR MIDWIVES/WITCHES/ WISE WOMEN THAT TEACHES PARAMEDIC SKILLS TO BRING HEALTH SERVICES TO VILLAGES.

16. SINGAPORE

LORENZ (JOC) DESCRIBES SINGAPORE AS IDEAL FOR AVERAGE TOURIST. BELIEVES THIS "INSTANT ASIA" MAY BE 72-HR RIP-OFF W/MARKED TOURIST ATTRACTIONS/PACKAGED CULTURE/"BLUE-HAIRED WIDOWS" AT FAMOUS RAFFLES HOTEL. PROJECTS TOURIST FIGURES FOR FUTURE; WONDERES WHAT SATURATION POINT UNCLASSIFIED

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17. AUSTRALIA

MILLAR (CSM) AT CANBERRA NOTES AUSTRALIA BEGINNING COPE W/REALIZATION THAT HAS DRUG PROBLEM. REVIEWS SITUATION/ STEPS BEING TAKEN. SAYS IS DISTINCT FEELING THAT NSW/ FEDL GOVTS MERELY POSTPONING ACTION/DIVERTING ATTN FROM FAILURE POLICE/CUSTOMS/HEALTH OFFICIALS COME TO GRIPS W/ PROBLEM. MENTIONS UPCOMING INQUIRY.

18. CHINA

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (8/1) SAYS FACT THAT CCP CENTRAL

COMMITTEE CONFIRMED HUA AS PARTY CHAIRMAN BUT NOT MENTION
PREMIER POST IN 7/21 ANNOUNCEMENT MAY MEAN TENG WILL
ASSUME PREMIERSHIP, POSSIBLY IN OCT MTG OF NPC.

WP EDITORIAL SEES ALBANIA BREAK W/PRC CONFIRMING PRC'S
MOVE TOWARD CHOU/TENG STYLE ECONOMIC PRAGMATISM--A MOVE
COMPATIBLE W/US INTERESTS AND ALSO STABILIZING FOR
POWER RELATIONSHIP IN AREA.

WP'S SIMONS (AT BANGKOK) NOTES SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES
WON'T WEAKEN TIES W/USSR AND PRC ALTHO LIKELY DE-ESCALATE
RHETORICAL ATTACKS ON WEST.

DONALD KLEIN/JONATHAN POLLACK, PROFS AT TUFTS/HARVARD
OUTLINE HISTORY PLA IN LONG, DISCURSIVE ARTICLE. CON-
CLUDE PLA NEEDS AT LEAST 10 YEARS UPGRADE OFFENSIVE
CAPACITY. PAUL COHEN, PROF AT WELLESLEY NOTES IN COMPANION
PIECE PRC'S RELAXATION INTERNAL CULTURAL CONTROLS AS
WELL AS GREATER OPENNESS TO FOREIGN CULTURAL INFLUENCES
(GLOBE 7/31).

GARY SMITH (SF CHRON 7/26) CARTOON DEPICTS SMILING TENG
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SITTING ON WALL OF CHINA WITH NEWSPAPER HEADLINES "GANG
OF FOUR OUT FOREVER." CAPTION READS, "IT IS MUCH
BETTER TO BE TWICE PURGED THAN ONCE EXPELLED." CHRISTOPHER

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